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Tender

C25075 - Fire Safety - Legal Support

Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority

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Scope

Reference

C25075

Description

Kent Fire and Rescue Service is inviting tenders for the provision of a Barrister and Solicitors that have Fire Safety Law expertise and experience. This procurement has been broken down into 2 Lots. Lot 1 Barrister Service (Retained Contract) and Lot 2 Solicitor Services. Full details of the service within lot 1 and lot 2 can be found on the Kent Business Portal.

Deadline for submissions is the 2nd March 2026.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Maidstone:-Legal-services./4T7D6DZMP7>

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Total value (estimated)

- £100,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Main procurement category

Services

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. C25075 - Barrister Service (Retained Contract)

Description

Kent and Medway Fire Authority is seeking to secure the services of a retained Barrister to provide formal and informal legal advice and training on matters appertaining to the interpretation and application of a range of fire safety law, regulatory processes connected with it, and fire investigation.

The contract will have a duration of 3 years with one year's optional extension with the agreement of both parties.

For the avoidance of doubt, this requirement does not include advocacy. However, it does include involvement in the review and preparation of cases for court and as regards Determinations under Article 36 of The Order.

The supplier will be required to provide details of the legal support provided to fire and rescue services in the field of fire safety.

As a regulator with prosecution responsibilities on average, the Service has approximately 40 items for Lot 1 per annum requiring such legal advice, in a range from minor matters to others connected with major cases.

Lot value (estimated)

- £80,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 April 2026 to 21 April 2029
- Possible extension to 21 April 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Extend the service if the service is still required and budgets allow.

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services

- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
 - 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services
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Lot 2. C25075 - Solicitor Service

Description

The Service requires specialist legal advice, and support of a solicitor(s) capable of administering all elements involved in the progression of legal cases pertaining to the enforcement of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, as amended ("The Order"), and in relation to the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, and the Services role in enforcing the Order and conducting fire investigations. The Service requires specialist legal advice in relation to fire safety issues, which without prejudice to the generality of the advice required. Full service specification can be found on the Kent Business Portal within the full tender pack.

Lot value (estimated)

- £20,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 April 2026 to 21 April 2029
- Possible extension to 21 April 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Service can be extended if the service is still required and budgets allow

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. C25075 - Barrister Service (Retained Contract)

Lot 2. C25075 - Solicitor Service

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

16 February 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

2 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality Questionnaire	Written Response	Quality	60%
Pricing Schedule	Written Response	Price	40%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCTX-8834-ZQLL

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government